U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of REBA M. SMITH <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Hartselle, AL

Docket No. 99-481; Submitted on the Record; Issued November 16, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI, VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL

The issue is whether appellant had any disability on or after May 10, 1997 causally related to her September 9, 1995 employment injury.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized October 7, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized October 7, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC November 16, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell Alternate Member